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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Norman Rice

Application No.: 10/781,079 Group No.: 2855

Filed: 02/17/2004 Examiner: Michael Cygan

For: METHOD FOR A RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT, FAILURE PREDICTION AND OPERATING CONDITION DETERMINATION OF ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for one month:

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1) CLAIMS	(Col. 2) REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Col. 3) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	SMALL ENTITY ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	19	- 21	= 0	x \$ 9.00	= \$ 0.00
INDEP.	6	- 3	= 3	x \$ 43.00	= \$ 129.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+ \$ 0.00	= \$ 0.00	
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Total additional fee for claims required \$129.00

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.